Pak Military Activities on Rajasthan and Gujarat Borders

1403. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether increasing Pak-military activities, movement of troops and amassing of armoury have been witnessed in areas across Indo Pak borders in Rajasthan and Gujarat, like Alibunder, Kanjarkot, Chadbet, Badim, all near the Kutch border;

(b) if so, what is the assessment about pak troop movements and activities in these border areas; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Certain low-level military activities and troop movement have been observed across the Indo-Pak border near Kutch area. Monitoring of these activities and necessary precautionary measures continue to be undertaken.

Salary of Re-employed Defence Officers

1404. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that retired defence service officers who are reappointed after retirement as Major, Lt. Col., Col., retain their respective ranks but draw the salary of a Captain;

(b) whether the Fifth Pay Commission over-looked the question of refixation of salary of these re-employed service officers, and now they continue to draw their old salaries, which is much below the salary of a present day Captain; and

(c) if so, what steps have been or are being taken to rationalise, revise and up-date the salaries of these re-employed officers?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The pay of the Defence Service Officers on re-employment after retirement is fixed at the same stage as pay drawn at the time of retirement, without rank pay. In addition to this, the rank pay of the rank in whcih he is re-employed is allowed. On the pay thus arrived, Dearness Allowance is given and from the gross salary the entire pension is deducted which they continue to